

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Xiaolian Gao, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/533,208

Filed: April 28, 2005

For: ARRAY OLIGOMER SYNTHESIS AND
USE

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Dear Sir:

The inventors of the captioned application are Xiaolian Gao, Xiaochuan Zhou, Shi-Ying Cai, Qimin You, and Xiaolin Zhang. The application has been jointly assigned to Invitrogen Corporation and The University of Houston, Houston, Texas (Reel/Frame 014396/0105, 014769/0984 and 014403/0291). Assignee Invitrogen Corporation's counsel has been unable to obtain signatures on the Declaration from inventors Qimin You and Shi-Ying Cai for the above-identified patent application and request that the application be prosecuted without the signatures of these two inventors.

On March 1, 2006, counsel for Assignee contacted the inventors requesting their signatures on the required declaration. A response from Qimin You was received on March 1, 2006, indicating that he was, in fact, one of the inventors of U.S. Patent Application SN

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10/533,208. Dr. You indicated that he was in China and could not be returning to the United States for some time. A copy of the application as filed and a declaration was sent to Qimin You on March 2, 2006 via electronic mail. Dr. You did not return an executed Declaration via facsimile as instructed in our letter of March 2, 2006. On April 19, 2006, another electronic mail, enclosing a duplicate original Declaration, was forwarded to Dr. You with our request to review the patent application (previously sent) and execute the Declaration, returning the signed Declaration to us via facsimile. A copy of the March 1, 2006 and April 19, 2006 electronic mails are attached along with a copy of Mr. You's electronic response dated March 1, 2006. As of April 21, 2006, we still have not received the executed Declaration from Dr. You.

A copy of the application as filed and a declaration was sent to Shi-Ying Cai on March 10, 2006, by United States Postal Service ("USPS") via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address on file for Shi-Ying Cai. Delivery of the certified package was attempted on March 13, 2006, March 21, 2006, and again on March 28, 2006. The USPS returned the package to our offices on March 30, 2006 because it was unclaimed. A copy of the March 10, 2006 letter and the front of the "returned" envelope indicating the USPS' attempts at delivery are enclosed.

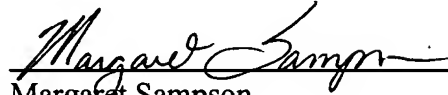
The last known address of Shi-Ying Cai is:
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Assignee Invitrogen Corporation requests to continue prosecution of the application without the signatures of inventors Qimin You and Shi-Ying Cai at this time in order to avoid abandonment of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fee of \$200.00 as set forth in C.F.R. §1.17(g) for filing by other than all the inventors from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/INV850/4-011US/55006. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to

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Respectfully submitted,



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March 10, 2006

Via CM, RRR
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Re: U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/533,208 entitled "Array Oligomer Synthesis and Use" by Xiaolian Gao, Xiaochuan Zhou, Shi-Ying Cai, Qimin You, and Xiaolin Zhang (Our Ref: INV850/4-011US/55006)

Dear Shi-Ying:

On October 28, 2003, we filed a PCT application entitled "Array Oligomer Synthesis and Use," *i.e.*, International Application No. PCT/US2003/034207, which lists you as one of five inventors. This application published on May 13, 2004, as WO 2004/039953 A3.

On April 28, 2005, the application was filed as a national U.S. application (U.S. Serial No. 10/533,208), which is attached to this correspondence. The application is jointly owned by the University of Houston and Invitrogen Corporation, since Xeotron Corporation assigned its interest in the application to Invitrogen Corporation. In order to meet all requirements for maintaining this application, we need a signed declaration from you. The Declaration (also attached to this correspondence) requires that you review and understand the specification and claims. After you review the application, please sign, date, and fill in your residential address (where indicated) on the Declaration and return it to my office as soon as possible, via facsimile (512.236.3264). We would greatly appreciate it if you would then return the original signed document via Federal Express and bill our account. Our Federal Express account number is 102627563 and the "Billing Reference Number" is INV850/55006. Please return the original signed document to:

Margaret J. Sampson
Vinson & Elkins, LLP
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Suite 100
Austin, Texas, 78746, USA

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret Sampson". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Margaret" written in a larger, more prominent style than the last name "Sampson".

Margaret J. Sampson

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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

The below named inventors believe they are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

ARRAY OLIGOMERS SYNTHESIS AND USE

the specification of which:

(check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on April 28, 2005 as Application Serial No. 10/533,208.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in 37 CFR Section 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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Inventor's Full Name: Shi-Ying Cai

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Inventor's Full Name: Qimin You

Inventor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Inventor's Full Name: Xiaolin Zhang

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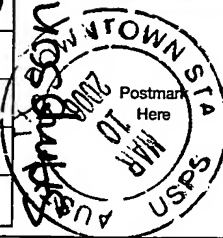
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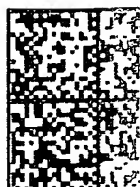
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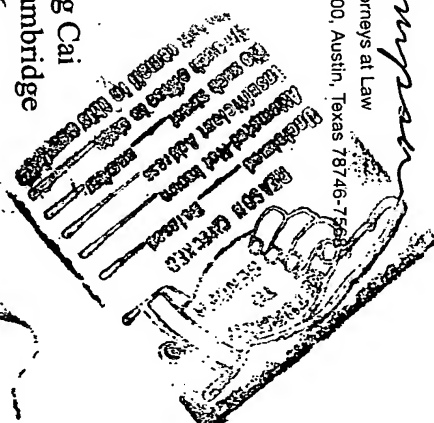
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Subject: Re: SEARCHING FOR SHI-YING CAI, QIMIN YU and XIAOLIN ZHANG

Dear Mr. Porter,
I am Qimin You (Not Yu), and I am one of the inventors
in the patent you mentioned.

I am in China now and won't be back at US for
sometime. You have my email address, we can
communicate this way or you can call me at:

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Thanks,
Qimin You

--- "Porter, Carol" <cporter@velaw.com> wrote:

> I'm looking for Shi-Ying Cai, Qimin Yu and Xiaolin
> Zhang who were inventors for U.S. Patent
> Application, entitled "Array Oligomers Synthesis and
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Via Electronic Mail
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Qimin You

Re: U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/533,208 entitled "Array Oligomer Synthesis and Use" by Xiaolian Gao, Xiaochuan Zhou, Shi-Ying Cai, Qimin You, and Xiaolin Zhang (Our Ref: INV850/4-011US/55006)

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We are also trying to locate two of the other inventors, Shi-Ying Cai and Xiaolin Zhang. If you have a residence address, email address, or telephone number for either of these two inventors we would greatly appreciate your providing it to us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,



Margaret J. Sampson

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Please see Margaret Sampson's letter of today's date and attachments.

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Subject: Declaration regarding U.S. Patent Application 10/533,208

Dear Qimin You:

I do not find where we have received a signed declaration from you regarding the above-referenced patent application entitled Array Oligomers Synthesis and Use wherein you were one of the inventors.

Is it possible you sent it and I have misplaced it?

If it would not be too much trouble, would you sign the attached Declaration (on page 3) and return it to me via facsimile (512.236.3264) as soon as possible?

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